



Welcome To Catshill Methodist Church Centre

**Worship God
Welcome Everyone
Serve the Community**

Newsletter : September 12th – 26th 2024

OUR CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP (10.30 am unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 15th September - Morning

Worship led by John Webb

Sunday 22nd September - Morning

Worship led by Sally Meredith

Worship plans also available here:

<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/worship>

Mr Geoff Neal

A reminder that a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Neal will be on **13th September** at 2.30pm at our church.

A letter from Anne Smith

Dear Friends at Catshill,

I wish to convey my sincere thanks for all the support, cards and letters I received both during Jim's illness and since his death. They have been and continue to be a great help in this difficult time.

Thank you too for the donations given in Jim's memory. A total of £1,404 was shared between Parkinson's UK and All we Can. Parkinson's UK was asked if possible the money could go to fund research, recognising Jim's work done in a different area of science, while acknowledging that when you give something it is up to the recipient to administer it as they need. All we Can, previously Methodist Relief and Development Fund, has been a charity we regularly supported.

During the last difficult months of Jim's life Catshill Methodist Church was one of the few places where Jim would go. It was a great comfort to me to see people engaging with him and listening to his stories, as well as sharing theirs. Thank you all so much.

As I continue to build my new life I am grateful for the friendship I receive. Although I

sometimes get upset I am always glad to be amongst you.

God bless you all. Anne

Christmas Experience

The next meeting for those interested in helping with the Christmas Experience, planned for Dec. 1st to the 4th, will be on **Sunday 15th Sept.** at 3pm in the porch.

Readers needed!

Have you ever been asked to read in church on Sunday mornings? If not, and you are willing to give it a go, please could you chat to Lindsay about it? We are hoping to fill the rota for October, November and December.

Rendezvous

The next meeting is **September 19th** when John Homer will be asking the question "Why the Black Country?" All welcome at 10 am for coffee.

Wednesday Aaradhana Group

The Aaradhana group will meet in the manse, at 7:30pm on **16th October**. Then **November 20th & January 15th**. All welcome to join this group for Christian fellowship, conversation, Bible study and more.

BaC-Up (Bereaved and Carer's Group)

The next meeting of this group will be on **Tuesday September 24th** at 2.30 pm. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. All carers, present and past, and those bereaved at any time, welcome. Join us for chat, coffee/tea & cake!

Prayer Group

Prayer group meets fortnightly at 10am for about 45 minutes. All are welcome to this important part of our church life. Any prayer requests will be very welcome. Next meeting **Tuesday September 17th**.

Flower Rotas

After the current rota finishes (end of Nov) it's going to be included in the main church rota compiled by Jess. I've passed on dates that people have specified to her. Many thanks for the support you have given for the many years I have been doing this. Jan

Busy Bees

This is an informal group sharing ideas & encouragement on a wide range of craft projects. All are welcome. Next meeting will be at 10.30-12.30 on **September 26th** in the church and then fortnightly.

From Siperare re Zambuko Ra Jehovah

The money given to Zambuko Ra Jehovah for drilling the Borehole was collected yesterday from the bank in Zimbabwe. The drillers had to put other people before us because we delayed. They will confirm our date shortly when they can come to drill at our project site. I will keep you updated.

Catshill Methodists you are wonderful. I am on my knees always praying for you to be blessed because of your great love for the less advantaged

Foundation Safeguarding Training Course

There are 2 courses booked in our circuit – Sat. 5th October at St Andrews 10am-1pm & Sat. 16th November at our church 1- 4pm. Please speak to Jackie Hooper regarding your safeguarding training.

ECO church information & top tips

Did you know, every tonne of paper you recycle saves 17 trees 🌲

Coach Trips

The planned coach trips for 2024 are:

14th Sept: Cambridge– leaves 9 am (full)

9th Nov: Cheltenham £20 – leaves 9.30 am

Names to Tricia or committee member).

Dates for your diary

Quiz night on **Saturday, 12th October** 6 pm at Church. Bring your own food.

There will be a Kurling evening on **Saturday, 11th January 2025**.

Coffee shop planned events

Macmillan Coffee Morning **Friday 27th**

September – there will be a bring and buy stall – could donations be of good quality please (but not necessarily brand new!) Donations of cakes greatly appreciated but remember to fill in an ingredient form obtained from coffee shop)

Choir Concert - **Saturday 28th Sept. at 10.30 a.m.** with both the Men's and the Church Choir. Free admission – donations accepted to be split between church funds and our church project for the year – Zambuko ra Jehova which finances the advancement of education and relief of poverty and hardship among children/young people in Zimbabwe, particularly those orphaned through AIDS/HIV

Strings orchestra concert - **October 26th**.

Children in Need - **Friday 15th November**

Performance from the Platform Players (schoolchildren playing music) **Saturday December 7th** 11.30-12.30.

Christmas Music with the Strings Orchestra **Saturday December 14th** 11am to midday

Carols around the Piano/Christmas Jumper Day - **Saturday 21st December**

More Dates for your Diary

Sunday 29th September - Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas

Sunday 6th October - Café style church as a local arrangement - details to follow

Harvest this year is on October 20th.

OUR CIRCUIT NEWS & EVENTS

Circuit Changes

There are changes in our circuit staffing from September 2024 - please speak to a steward or member of church council if you want to read the briefing document.

Peckwood Forest Activities

<https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

Live streamed services from Studley

<https://www.youtube.com/@studleymethodistchurch/streams>

DISTRICT & THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Event at Queens, Edgbaston

No joke! How clergywomen keep pushing uphill is the title of a free event at Queens - details attached (email copies only)

Training re Refugee Support

A course entitled "Could you befriend a refugee" is being held in Birmingham. Details attached (email copies only)

Two vacancies

There are 2 vacancies within the District, details attached (email copies only)

PRAYER FOR TODAY

As we rejoice in the gift of every new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you and for each other; now and forever. Amen.

Notices and News to Dave Morgan at meandi@btinternet.com by 5 p.m. on Thursday September 26th please

If you are reading a printed copy of this and would like it on email please let Dave know.

These notices are also available here:

<https://www.catshillmethodists.org.uk/notices>